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1. On 28 February a special train left Peiping for Yench'i (129-31, 42-55) with a Soviet staff for a newly-established Sino-Soviet Joint Operational Headquarters (中蘇聯合作戰部), which will presumably be in Yench'i.
2. On 3 and 4 April, 3,000 Chinese troops, recruited and trained in South China, arrived in Mukden as reinforcements for the 4 Field Army. They were ill-equipped and were quartered near the small East Gate in Tiehhsi (鐵西), Mukden.
3. About 4,000 Soviet troops have also arrived in Tiehhsi. Their equipment is of modern design and is covered by cloth of a straw color.
4. On 2 March Communist-operated repair shops in Tiehhsi were engaged in repairing tanks damaged in the Korean war. Two hundred prisoners of war were working there; they were well-treated but were not allowed to receive visitors.
5. Towards the end of March, several trains with sealed coaches left Mukden. The words "smoking strictly prohibited" were seen on the sealed coaches, and the guards of these trains were equipped with sub-machine guns. A large quantity of arms supplied by the Soviet Union, including rifles, light and heavy machine-guns, and artillery guns, were being transported to Hunan and Kwangtung via Hankow.
6. On 10 April passenger service was suspended for more than two weeks on railroads on both sides of the Great Wall. All train facilities were assigned for military transport, and passenger service was not expected to be resumed in the near future. On 1 April passenger trains between Tientsin and Shanhaikuan had been restricted to one every two days. All other traffic was military.

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